

# Local Rules

Policies while sailing out of the  
Naval Sailing Center and Marina  
Newport, Rhode Island

# NAVSTA Newport Overview

- **Skipper responsibilities**
- **Qualifications**
- **Manifest**
- **Boating observance**
- **Boats available**
- **Boundary restrictions**
- **Weather, tides and sunset restrictions**
- **Sailing and powerboat periods**
- **Navigation brief**

# **Skipper Responsibilities**

- **Name to which boat is issued**
- **Comply with all local instructions**
- **Navigation Rules (Rules of the Road)**
- **Safety of all personnel**
- **Reimbursement for damage or loss**

# Navy-Wide Qualifications

- **US Naval Sailing Association**

- Navy quals were not easily translated to civilian sailing organizations

- **New**

- Dinghy Sailor
- Keel Boat Skipper
- Cruising Skipper
- Inland Skipper
- Coastal Skipper
- Offshore Skipper

- **Old**

- Skipper B
- Skipper B
- Skipper B+
- Local D
- Senior Skipper D
- Master Skipper E

# Local Qualifications

- **Qualifications used Navy-wide**
- **Mate A (A)**
- **Skipper dingy/day sailing (DS)**
- **Skipper Keelboat (KBS)**
- **Skipper Racing (R)**
- **Sailing Instructor (I)**
- **Powerboat (PB)**

# Mate A

- **Demonstrated required knowledge**
  - Basic safety
  - Basic boating theory and rules
- **Examination**
  - Written
  - Practical (e.g. swim, knots)
- **Required for on-water training**

# Basic Dinghy/Day Sailor (DS)

- **Demonstrate knowledge small boats**
  - Dingy
  - Centerboard or daggerboard
- **Examination**
  - Written
  - Practical

# Basic Keelboat Skipper (KBS)

- **Prerequisite is Mate A qualification**
- **18-27 ft sloop rigged keelboats with tiller steering**
  - Prevailing wind conditions
  - Aware of limitations
  - Intermediate or advanced
- **Examination**
  - Written
  - Practical



# **Skipper Racing (KBS-R)**

- **Prerequisite KBS qualification**
  - Additional qualification
- **Comprehensive knowledge**
  - Boat handling
  - Racing rules
  - Tactics
  - Spinnakers issued to only –R skippers
- **Written and practical examination**

# Sailing Instructor (KBS-I)

- **Prerequisite B-KBS qualification**
  - Additional qualification
- **Advanced knowledge**
  - Sailing theory
  - Boat handling
  - Ability to teach
- **Written and practical examination**

# Powerboat Qualification (PB)

- **Demonstrate knowledge small boats**
  - Outboard motor
  - Wheel steering
- **Examination**
  - Written
  - Practical

# Granting Qualifications

- **Marina employees**
- **CHNYC qualified volunteers**
  - List posted at Marina Office
- **Scheduled Sessions**
  - Normal training
  - Checkout/practical exams

# Terms of Qualifications

- **Awarded on provisional basis**
- **Subject to reclassification or revocation by Marina Manager**
  - Violate good seamanship or safety rules
  - Excessively late in returning
  - Incurring damage
  - Collisions or groundings
- **Facts reported to MWR Department Officer**
  - Final judgment

# Age Restrictions

- **Under 12 requires parent or guardian**
  - Written permission
  - Wear PFD at all times
- **Rhodes skipper**
  - 16 or older
- **Powerboat**
  - 17 or older
- **Shields skipper**
  - 18 or older

# Manifest Form

- **Skipper ensures all crew/passengers are named on form**
- **Skipper certifies they are all qualified swimmers**
  - **Swim 50 yards & tread water 5 min**
- **Or will wear USCG certified PFD**
  - **Child < 12 yo will wear all the time**
- **Read/sign fine print on back**

# Boating Observance

- **Conduct in keeping with yachting**
  - Custom
  - Safety
- **No mooring except at Navy Marina**
- **Swimming prohibited**
- **Alcoholic beverages prohibited**
- **Closed-toed shoes**
  - Rubber, cork or crepe-soled
- **Don PFD rough weather approaching**



# Securing the Boat

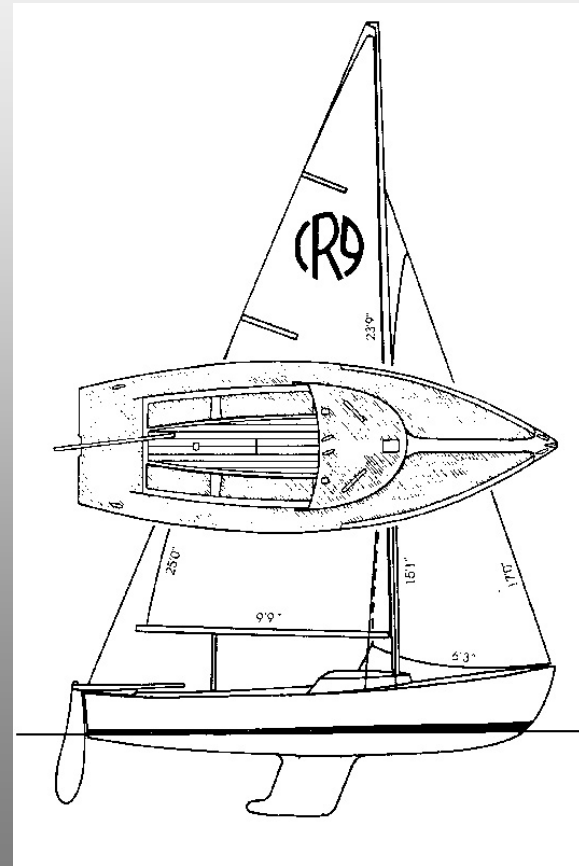
- **Properly moored and left shipshape**
  - Clean and dry
  - Rigging and lines stowed
- **Equipment properly secured**
  - Sails folded and bagged
  - PFDs and buckets returned
- **Skipper responsible for loss**
  - Report in writing
  - Pay for missing or damaged equipment

# Types of Boats

- **Keelboats**
  - 15 Rhodes 19 class
  - 6 Shields class
- **Powerboats**
  - 4 Maritime Skiffs

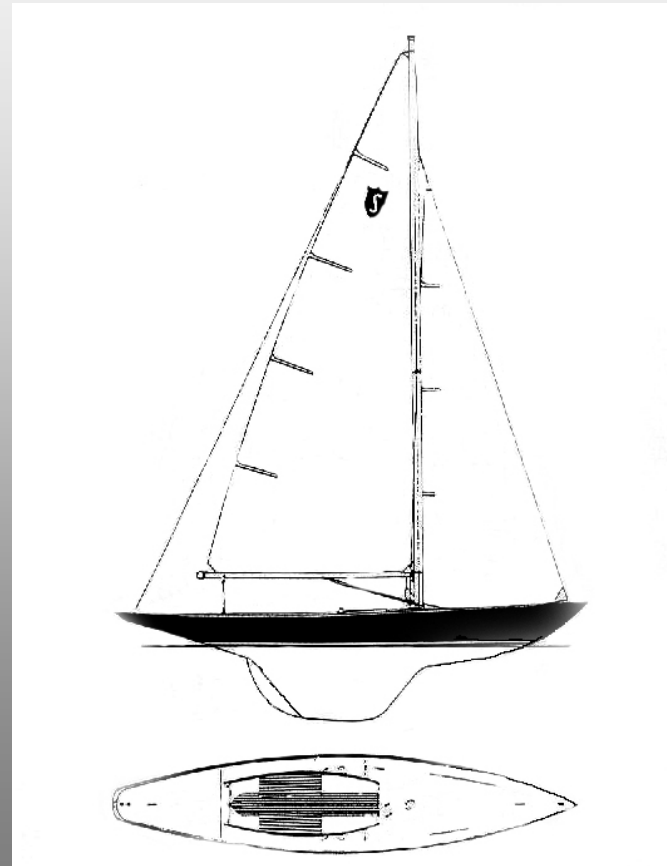
# Rhodes 19 Class

- LOA 19'2"
- LWL 17'9"
- Beam 7'
- Sail Area 175
- Draft 3'3"
- Iron Keel 440
- Displacement 1325



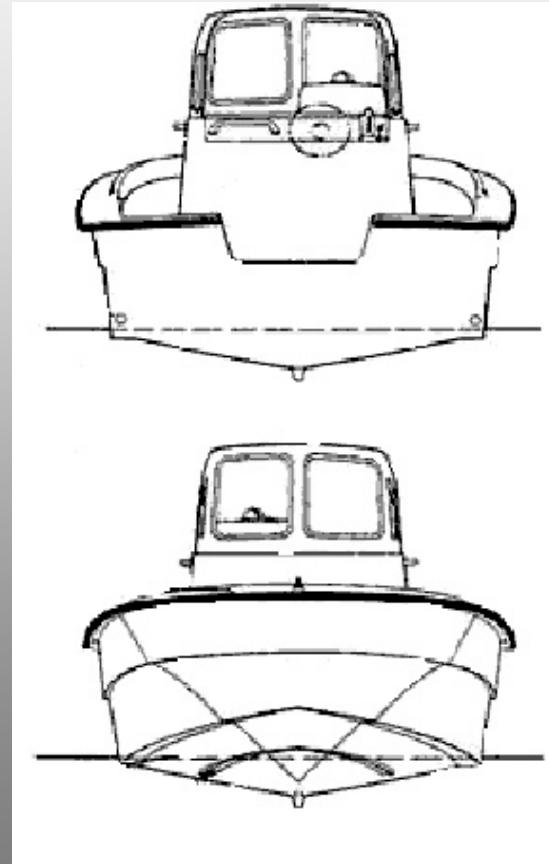
# Shields Class

- **LOA** **30'3"**
- **LWL** **20'**
- **Beam** **6'5"**
- **Sail Area** **360**
- **Draft** **4'9"**
- **Lead Keel** **3080**
- **Displacement** **4600**



# Maritime Skiff Model # 1890

- **LOA** 18'6"
- **Beam** 7'6"
- **Draft** 9"
- **Freeboard** 30"
- **Outboard motor** 40hp
- **Displacement** 1140



# Personnel Requirements

Type/Class	Minimum	Maximum
● Shields	2	6
● Rhodes	2	5
● Skiffs	2	5

# Boundary Restrictions Rhodes 19

- **North**
  - **East-West line drawn through a point 300 yards North of Gould Island**
- **South**
  - **Line drawn from Ft Adams to Bull Point**

# Boundary Restrictions Shields

- **North**

- **Line drawn from Northern tip Conanicut Island to Southern tip Prudence Island then to Carr Point**

- **South**

- **East-West line Brenton Point to Beavertail Point**



# Boundary Restrictions Skiff

- **North**

- Northern tip Conanicut Island to Southern tip Prudence Island then
- Sandy Point on Prudence Island to Coggeshall Point Bend Marina

- **South**

- Shore Point on Conanicut Island to Castle Hill Light

# Weather, Tide and Sunset

- **Consult whiteboard at Marina Office**
- **Return upon signs of approaching bad weather or fog**
  - **Visibility less than 1 mile**
- **NAVSTA Command Duty Officer**
  - **Final responsibility for canceling recreational sailing and powerboating**

# Return to Marina Wind Criteria

- **Rhodes return when**
  - Average winds reach 18 knots or
  - Winds with gusts to 22 knots
- **Shields return when**
  - Average winds reach 22 knots or
  - Winds with gusts to 27 knots
- **Maritime Skiffs**
  - Average winds reach 18 knots or
  - Winds with gusts to 25 knots

# Sailing and Powerboat Periods

- **Weekday**

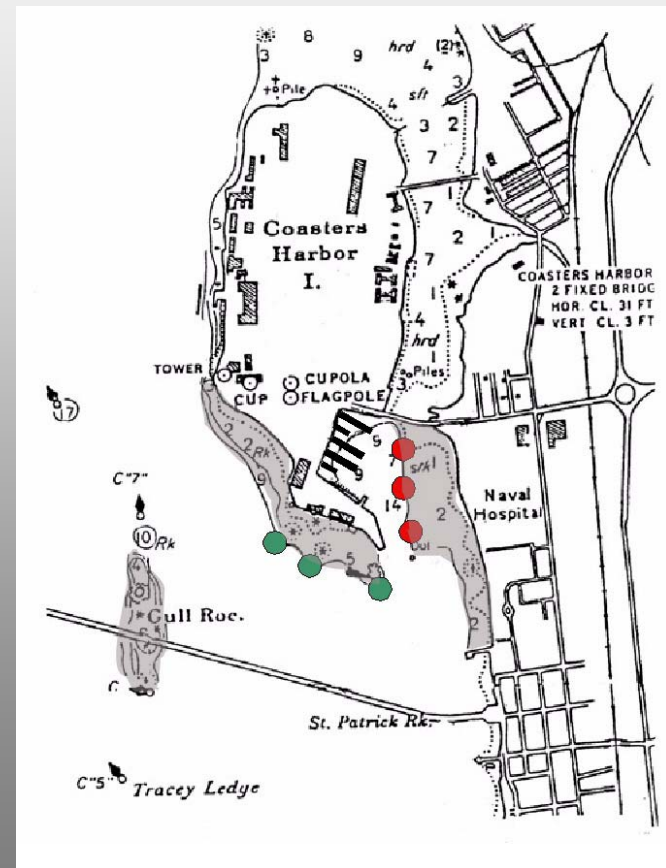
- 1200 - 1600
- 1600-30min<sunset

- **Weekend/holiday**

- 0800-1200
- 1200-1600
- 1600-30min<sunset

# Navigation – Marina Area

- **See NOAA 13223**
  - Marina on SE side of Coasters Harbor Island
  - Rocks on South shore
  - Mud bank to East
- **Inbound**
  - Leave green buoys to port
  - Leave red buoys to starboard



# Navigation Brief

- **Through center three spans of bridge only**
- **Current N & S of bridge**
- **Stay clear of Gull Rock**
- **Narragansett Bay has restricted channels**
- **Avoid Rose Island shallows to North**
- **Avoid currents near Dumplings at harbor mouth**

